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We're back from Connecticut and boy was it tempting to stay there and let our house foreclose. Beautiful weather. Well, we're back in the sweatbox called Florida so it's time to get back down to earth. In this issue we have a live report from Winter Haven and the IWF which took place 9/6. We have a "Clash of Champions" review. Scott Hudson will have all the news on the GWF and Georgia happenings in his column. Klone will let you know his opinions on SummerScam (If you ask me, that's what I'd call it but it looks like I'm in the minority. Did I miss something?) and the Warrior story. Marianne I'm sure will also have her views on Slam. Two of the items that will be featured in "Ramblings" will be the results of the WWF "King of the Ring" tourney which was held in Providence on 9/7 and my personal viewpoint on "Summer Slam" and a thought on why everyone liked it so much.

The next issue of Arena Report will be cover dated 9/23. We'll have a live report from the IWF which runs orlando on 9/11. K.C. O'Connor will return with his new semi-regular feature here in "AR" taking a zany look at WCW Greensboro cards. Scott Hudson returns to check out recent GWF happenings well as the WCW tapings that take place 9/16 at Center Stage. Evan Ginzburg may drop us a column. I say May because Evan is on vacation and may not make it back in time. Hope you had fun my man. Mike Terry throws his two cents at you once more next time around as well. It's almost survey time. For those of you who weren't here at this time last year, I sent a survey with an issue of "AR" to rate all the features of "AR". I like to keep a gauge on what every one likes or doesn't like. The incentive to fill it out and send in is a free issue tacked on to your sub. (Boy, I bet you were hoping I'd send you on the Bruise Cruise.) That survey may be in next issue but it will be in the followi: for sure.

Arena Report is published bi-weekly at the rate of \$1.00 per issue. A number appears at your label indicating how many issues you have remaining on your sub. All match results, renewals, and letters (we're slacking in that department gang.) may be sent to Arena Report, P.O. Box 952547, Lake Mary, FL 32795-2547. Now let's go to the ring and your ring announcer Ron Lemieux.

INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

Friday, September 6, 1991
Chain of Lakes Civic Center
Winter Haven, FL

Opening Match

Kip Winchester bulldogged Nuclear Assassin #1 from the top rope. Winchester is one of the Long Riders. Short match. I didn't have my stop watch so no exact times. *

2nd Match

Randy Fuller, one half of the Dynamite Express beat Bad Boy Billy Brooks in about 12:00. Match consisted mostly of Fuller working over Brooks left

arm and into a few high spots and back to the arm. Fuller did a good hip toss, dropkick combo and then socked Brooks tag partner Brett Blair who was interfering throughout the bout. Finish saw Brooks scoop Randy's legs and use the corner buckles for leverage in pinning Fuller but after the ref counted three, he ordered the bout restarted when he caught Billy's feet up there. Randy went for a quick schoolboy for the win. **

3rd Match

Chubby Moe Cool pinned Brett Blair in about 15:00. Chubby at one point dropped an elbow smash that looked like it caved in Brett's face. Some little girl behind the announcer's desk yelled, "Who takes Steroids?" Neither of these two little one. I should of yelled back, "Hulk Hogan". While the ref was down after a bump, Billy Brooks who was at ringside took out some brass knucks and when he went to put them on and turn around to hit Chubby, Mo Cool had reversed the full nelson and Blair got popped and pinned. * $\frac{1}{4}$

Special Grudge Match

Lou Perez & Al Hardiman defeated Hollywood Rick Diamond & The Possessor. This match came about from the last card where Diamond and Lou interfered on a single bout between Hardiman and Possessor. Nasty Ronnie and Stomper were at ringside. Some old guy walked up to Ronnie and offered him his eye glasses. Ned used the bell ringer to inflict some punishment. Ned has the most evil grin you'll see. Finish saw Perez roll up Diamond for the win while the other two were battling outside the ring. Match didn't gell whatsoever. Pretty bad. Ronnie took a good bump over the corner buckles after the bout. $\frac{1}{2}$ * You had four wrestlers who are single wrestlers that didn't make the transition to tag team workers for this bout.

IWF TV Championship

Cliff Anderson and Caribbean Kid Berto went to a double count out in the best match of the card. Cliff took a dropkick and went out of the ring and over the announcers table. Good out of the ring brawling. Lots of action with not much rest. Cliff plays a great heel. Berto is so over here since he is a local. ***

IWF World Tag Team Championship

Thunder & Lightning beat Heartbreakers via DQ when manager Champagne Cain interfered with his cane after Thunder powerslammed Mr. Terrific (Tim Parker). This was a return from last month and wasn't as long as devø eloped but was still good. These four always have constant action. Parker at one point pulled a Mark Callous and rope walked before missing a flying elbow and it looked super. I would put the Heartbreakers in the top ten tag teams in the U.S. They are truly a great team. ** $\frac{1}{2}$

NOTES

Crowd was 205 which is up from last month. This is a great building for wrestling as it sounds very loud. They return on 10/11. Winter Haven draws the most vocal card for this group so far. Place goes nuts.....Was shocked as after the show while the people were filing out I was asked for my autograph. Next week when those five kids look at that piece of paper, they'll have no idea who Ron Lemieux is.

RAMBLINGS

In my opinion, Summer Slam wasn't much better than the Great American Bash For a PPV to be worthwhile it must deliver on the main matches or segments which in this case were the wedding and the handicap tag. Nothing happened in

either. I know I won't make some people happy with these next few comments. What was the sense of the wedding if there was no angle. A couple of people have told me that the women loved it since it was pure soap opera. Well, that's great if the majority of your audience is female. But it's not. (Now watch, I'll get all these case studies in the mail showing women are the majority.) So it was a straight wedding. Why not save all the hassle and renew their vows from seven years ago. Then there was the Virgil-DiBiase bout. Most of the people I talked to said, "Great booking." Sure, and if Dusty Rhodes had pulled the angle where Hebner waived off the DQ, the hardcores would once again be screaming for his head. I hated it. Other than Curt-Bret ***** bout and a good LOD-Nasties match, I was bored stiff. You know what I think? I think too many hardcores are suffering from a Ric Flair high. Since Flair is coming in, everyone has a different outlook on Titan. Hell, if Flair was going to ICW I bet whoever calls in the results to Steve Beverly would change the TV rating from a bomb to piledriver plus every week. Do I seem hot? A little. But I think it has to do more with something I read in Pro Wrestling Torch yesterday that I hope letters to Torch's editor will clear up. If not, I may have to write my own.....Not much has happened in the last two weeks unless you want me to rehash the Ultimate Warrior story from all the other sheets. For those of you who haven't heard, Warrior has been "suspended" for ninety days for "conduct unbecoming a champion". (I made that last part up.) The gist is he's probably through with Titan stemming from his outrageous contract demands. Wouldn't it have been great if a camera had been positioned near the curtain of the dressing room to catch Pat Patterson telling Warrior not to go out and pose because he was suspended. That would have made it a thumbs up right there.....Koko Ware worked in Memphis for USWA last week but he's back working the week for Titan and then off to the Bahamas. That Memphis stint was part of the deal where Vince told his guys they could work elsewhere as long as they cleared it with him first.....Flair vs. Piper was officially announced for Wheeling TV tapings on TV this past weekend. It will be a dark match taking place 9/30. Sid vs. Jake Roberts as well.....How's this for acting like a pro and keeping your word: Jimmy Backlund was skedded for a match in the CWF in Tampa on 9/8 working with Jerry Flynn. He had promised he would be there. He realized later that his flight for Tokyo (working for FMW) was that same day but since he made the promise, he paid the extra \$500 to change it to the following day.....Paul Diamond has been suspended for thirty days by the WWF. Not sure for what but can't be steroid testing as they haven't started it yet.....9/7 in Lowell, MA drew under 2,000 as Boss Man went over the top of the cage to beat The Mountie in a steel cage bout.....That afternoon in Providence the WWF held its annual "King of the Ring" tourney. (Though they skipped last year.) I don't know why the WWF holds this event since they don't even tape it for video which would be a great thing to do. Show only drew 2,400. First round action saw Jerry Saggs beat Hawk via DQ when Hawk got caught with the megaphone. Ted DiBiase and Ricky Steamboat went to a draw to eliminate both. Don't get excited. Heard it wasn't that good save the last couple of minutes. Hacksaw Duggan rolled up Brian Knobbs. Bret Hart made Pete Dougherty (sub for Kerry) submit to the scorpion in :28. Nice pay day for the Duke of Dorchester. Skinner pinned Virgil when Ted distracted his former bodyguard. Sid Vicious powerbombed the Warlord. Undertaker pinned Animal using the urn. The Roadies getting pinned has happened a couple of times now so maybe they're finally realizing they need to work both ways. That ended the first round. They then had a tag match which saw the Beverly Brothers beat The Bushwhackers. Round two of the tourney saw IRS (he beat Berzerker on a count out in first round. Kind of ironic huh?) beat Duggan. Bret Hart made Skinner submit to the scorpion. Sid and Undertaker went to a double DQ when they both threw the ref down. Afterwards, Jake came down and beat on Sid and put him in the basket but Vicious just walked out of it since it was never closed. That eliminated them both. In the semis, IRS pinned Saggs and Hart got a bye into the finals where he beat Rotunda when Mike tried to grab the ropes to break a sunset flip and ref kicked the ropes enabling Bret to win the tourney. Pretty unspectacular way to win don't you think?..... Next Joel Goodhart show has been changed around a bit. Bam Bam Bigelow will meet Doug Gilbert in a first blood match. What brought this feud on and I don't think Doug will sell many tickets. The hair vs. Hair is now a tag with Eddie Gilbert & Luna vs. Cactus Jack & Madusa Micelli. Doubt Cactus will be there unless Tom Nash wants a bald wife.....Freebirds will be made faces on TV. They may have already shot the angle. They're booked with Diamond Studd and Steve Austin in October.....Some interesting match ups for WCW in Lakeland on 10/5 as Sting & Rick Steiner meet Cactus & Abdullah. Also the York Foundation is booked with Japan Force. Can't be Hase & Sasaki as Sasaki is hurt. Could be Chono.....Stupid idea to work Simmons-Luger everywhere before the EPV but look who we are talking about.....That's about it for now. Enjoy the rest of this issue. Got a call tonight telling me to expect a very interesting guest column from an anonymous source next issue. I was told what it will be about and I guarantee you'll love reading it. See ya,

Ron

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

by,
Marianne Ryan

First, I would like to apologize for a rather lackluster previous column. Now that I am reasonably healthy, fairly well-rested, my houseguests are long gone, and my puppy is almost housebroken, I can think about more important things. Like the rumor I keep hearing, which if it is true, would be cause for a major celebration.

The rumor is that the Ultimate Warrior has been fired from the WWF for demanding a one-year, one million dollar contract. How foolish of him. There was a time not long ago when the Warrior could have gotten away with something like that, but that time has passed. He got to be champion for a long time, and while he was successful, there is no question that he was never going to become the next Hulk Hogan. In fact, we all saw the next Hulk Hogan. He was the guy posing with Hogan after SummerSlam. Yup, Sid Justice. The Warrior was always portrayed as being a little wild, a bit unpredictable. He was even from a place as strange as parts unknown. While the kids liked him a lot, it was hard to envision him as someone the kids could grow up to be just like. Sid, on the other hand, is being billed as another basically regular guy, who works out hard, trains hard, says his prayers, takes his vitamins, and above all, is fair and just. Gee, sounds a lot like someone else, doesn't it?

Either the Warrior overestimated his importance, or is really stupid. It seemed obvious Sid is going to be everything Vince hoped for, and more. And if that is the case, Vince really doesn't need the Warrior. Not that it will be any great loss. Without the steroids, his incredible body will shrink down to average, and that will only emphasize his complete lack of wrestling know-how. So what you would end up with is a wild, crazy, guy of average size, with no talent. Who needs that. Obviously not the WWF, if those rumors are true. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Seeing as I'm one of the poor, misfortunate souls who do not get pay-per-view, I have yet to see SummerSlam, but I do have some thoughts about it. If Ted DiBiase was smart, he would have gone to a good jeweler and had a really good copy of his belt made and let Virgil keep that. I would have laughed if after winning, Ted informs Virgil his new belt is only worth about \$50. If André couldn't help the Bushwackers on the outside, how does he propose to accomplish anything on the inside? Maybe we should start a petition to ban André from wrestling again. I only wish the remote cameras could have followed Jacques all the way to jail. I think it would have been worth the price of the event alone to have seen him de-loused. Of course, I am thrilled for Bret that he finally has the singles title he so deserves. And I know it had to mean a lot to him to win it in front of his mom and dad. Out of curiosity, who is going to be challenging the new tag team champs. It seems the only teams out there are the Nasty Boys, Natural Disasters, Bushwackers and the LOD. I can see it now, countless rematches and then the LOD start a series of spine-tingling matches against Earthquake and Typhoon.

Neat ploy by those marketing folks to stir up trouble at Randy and Elizabeth's reception, which can only be seen on the video tape. And it seems to be Jake Roberts would be better served saving his nastiness for inside the ring. After all, that's where it counts.

I would mention the WCW's most recent Clash, but I opted for the MTV Video Awards. From what I heard, it was a wise decision. Terrence Taylor loses in under two minutes to a newcomer. I wonder what he did to anger management? And Arn Anderson and Larry Zbyszko win the tag belts. I guess Rick Steiner is only as important as his brother. I can see it now. Since we won't be seeing Sting team up with Lex for a while, I see Ted bringing the Warrior in. Team him up with Sting again. See how many hard cores you truly offend, with that. Watch WCW self-destruct. Nah, it couldn't happen. But then, did you ever think you'd see Bobby Heenan holding Ric Flair's belt?

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SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

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THE GLOBALDOME (Dallas, Texas) 09-06-91. GWF TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 21 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 1991. GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (09-21-91): Scott Anthony & Rip Rogers over The American Breed..Chris Walker & Steve Simpson over Tug Taylor & Ken Stryker..Bad Attitude over Rick Garren & Terry Daniels..Terry Garvin & Chaz over The Texas Outlaws..Gary Young & Jeff Gaylord and John Tatum & Rod Price DCOR..GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (09-28-91): Scott Anthony over El Gran Coloso..The Renegade Warriors over The Texas Outlaws..The Handsome Stranger over Mike Blackheart..Wild Bill Irwin over El Diablo..Action Jackson over Steven Dane..The Patriot over Bad News..GWF MAIN EVENTS (09-14-91): Eddie Gilbert over Reno Riggins..Gary Young & Jeff Gaylord over John Tatum & Rod Price..Scott Anthony over ??..The Maulers over ??..The Dirty Davis Brothers over The American Breed..Steven Dane over Steve Simpson..GWF MAIN EVENTS (09-21-91): Jeff Gaylord over Wild Bill Irwin..The Renegade Warriors and John Tatum & Rod Price no contest..Terry Garvin over Sweet Daddy Falcone..Steven Dane over Chaz..Chris Walker & Steve Simpson over Bad Attitude..(Dark Matches): The Handsome Stranger over Rip Rogers..Steven Dane over Steve Simpson..NEWS AND NOTES: Same teams - new names. The Maulers are Rip Morgan & Jack Victor, formerly The Royal Family, and Bad Attitude is Bad News & The Soultaker..No new faces this time, however, the in-ring product was the best of the twelve weekends since the takeover..Christopher Love, Eric Fontaine, & Randy Rhodes all appeared on WMC-TV in Memphis over the weekend as The PYT's so, obviously, that trio is gone..The initial GWF Pay-Per-View is being planned with an air-date somewhere around the second weekend in December as the target..The GWF house-show on 09-15-91 at the Cobb County Civic Center has Terry Leyland vs. Festus for the Georgia Television Title; The Blazers vs. Brute Forcz for the Georgis Tag Team Titles; The Maulers vs. The Renegade Warriors; Joel Deaton & Billy Black vs. The Golden Boys..The Handsome Stranger vs. Steve Lawler in a Hair vs. Mask Match; Al Perez vs. Scott Anthony in The Battle of The Heartthrobs; Lady X vs. Bambi for the LPWA World Title; The Lightning Kid vs. Chaz for the GWF Lighthweight Title; Axis the Demolisher vs. Terry Gordy; Chris Walker & Steve Simpson vs. John Tatum & Rod Price for the GWF Tag Team Titles; and The Patriot vs. Stan Lane for the GWF Television Title. There will also be a live Point/Counterpoint with Steven DeTruth and myself, featuring DeTruth's "match" against The Blue Blazer. Should be one hell of a show..ATT: 950. Pretty good.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES: The 09-05-91 Clash of The Champions : Fall Brawl sucked. The Brian Pillman / Bradstreet match was ***, the Ron Simmons / Diamond Studd match was *½ and everything else was a DUD or worse. There were six people at my humble abode the night of this tragedy and all six gave a huge thumbs-down to the show. Terrence Taylor vs. Van Hammer was the worst match with the Battle Royal and close second. Second guessing WCW booking is rapidly becoming the most popular indoor sport in America. Congratulations to Jim Ross for his comments on his radio show on 09-08. He continually made references to the UWF / Mid-South, almost waxing philosophical about how good it was and wishing WCW was more like the UWF. Here, Here..The WWF's Superstars of Wrestling from this past weekend was televised wrestling at its finest. The Savage/Sid/Elizabeth/Undertaker/Roberts bit from the wedding reception was priceless. John Fillipelli is worth every dime that Vince McMahon is paying him, and then some. Kinda makes you forget Bruce Pritchard..Will Bill Watts' son now be the starting quarterback at Louisville since UT knocked the original starter out of the game last Thursday night?..Until next time, America.....

THE LAST WORD...

THUMBS UP to Blackjack Mulligan Jr.: It took a lot of guts for Mulligan to use a false identity when he could have taken the easy route by using the well-known name of his father. But Mulligan Jr. was determined to carve his own niche in the world of wrestling. It was his proudest moment when he realized there was no longer a need to use the name Barry Windham.



UNDER THE MUSHROOM
WITH
KLON

Astronomers at Rice University have spotted "something" that's 100 billion times bigger than the sun. It is thought to be a black hole, even though it's 10 to 100 times larger than other black holes. Black holes result from collapsed stars so dense their gravity won't allow any light to escape. Having brought that to your attention let us move on the wild and wacky world of pro wrestling.

I can describe WCW in three words: cheap, racist and stupid. I had hoped that the racial trash would have left with Ole Anderson but I guess it would have been too much to hope for from swine. As a long-time Ron Simmons fan (as past columns and letters to the Observer and the Torch will attest) I was thrilled with his push as world title contender. Why in the multiverse did they have to go with the chauffeur angle? I can see several possible alternative angles (two ex-football jocks go after the wrestling title, two ex regional champions from Fla battle after the top belt etc) but no, it has to be a black man after a white guy. Between now and October I would not be surprised to see Dusty pull out such racist bits as watermelon, fried chicken and blackface.

As far as being cheap, well let us try to keep the list short. The brilliant paper bag bit from my buddies on Front Row Section D merely accentuated how tightfisted this group has treated their top performers. Need another example? Go to your local toy store and look at the stuffed dolls (Wrestling Buddies). The WWF dolls look very much like their real-life counterparts but I defy each & every one of you to say that the WCW dolls can be identified. I know I can't! And last but certainly not least, I used the word stupid. I could write page after page of stupid things they have done but I will merely say two words, Ric Flair.

I would like to finish off this column with a few words about two top newsletter editors. The impending demise of Matwatch is a great loss to the sheet scene. Steve Beverly not only brings a wrestling viewpoint from his tv background, but his editorial comments are second to none. You may not always agree with him but he has never been afraid to speak his mind. Best of luck Steve and don't drop totally out, you are a valuable asset to our world. The other editor is taking a few months off but Jeff "Sushi" Mullins gave me his word that he will be back. Jeff is brilliant satirist, top wrestling analyst, and he knows how to walk that very fine line between humor and bad taste. Mull-man, we need your viewpoint to keep us from taking all this wrestling too seriously. I am very proud to call both Steve and Jeff not only great writers but proud to say two of my best friends.

DOWN IN THE MOUTH BY DR. MIKE LANO

Hey there you brushers and flossers. Just got off the phone with both Japan Debbie's- Malenko and Madusa- and boy did they talk my eyetooth off. Debbie is coming home to the states and Land O' Lakes, Florida(Ron, where dat?) where they do not make butter. She will be buttering up her torn off finger, which has troubled her on and off. 8/30/91, she had to put over Hokuta in a title match, but will return in 6 weeks for at this report, a three month stint. Also incredible worker, Esther Moreno will be on the same plane home with the Malenko-ster. Joel Goodhart- I have told both Esther and Malenko you might be interested in using them on future Tri-States Spectaculars...

Madusa had lots to say. First, she had another incredible match with Miss A against Harley Saito and Devil Masami. Here's the scoop- after teasing Miss A about what the A is, Madusa kept writing "A for Attitude" on the arena posters--- they are changing A's name to Dynamite Kansai as a result--- she and Madusa are getting put over most of the nights as the heels. She is so over, and so happy with the new JWP connection, she is staying an extra 9 days- leaving in Mid September to make Good on Goodhart's tag. She was asked repeatedly to stay longer, or to come right back in October- but she's booked in Austria and Germany again- most likely with Wendy Richter again, so Power and Bennett will tag for the first time for JWP in Japan. Reggie's sports drink ad is pretty tacky- she flexes each arm and grunts, then squeezes her breasts and promotes the drink. That's about as tactful as I can put it- wait'll you guys see it.

Madusa said she walked in on youngster Pink Cadillac blabbing about Madusa-this, and Madusa-that unknownst to Madusa who was right behind her. Dementia and Peggy Lee(Lady X) were laughing as Madusa finally let Tina Smith know she heard all the stuff-but didn't get mad. PC was dumbfounded, and Madusa said she felt like Sherry Martel did when a novice Madusa thought she was hot stuff first getting in the biz. Madusa said PC needs bigtime help on her actual ring work- she can't even do a forward summersault. In fact, they all kept trying to get PC to improve this move, which never occurred. The next day PC tried it on a spot show- she fractured her collar bone. Guess she's gonna be managing Leon White for NJPW faster than we thought since she can't come back to JWP untill at least January 1st. I tell you, when I met Caddie in May, she was one of the nicest, funniest newcomers I've ever met in 25 years in the business.

Tor Berg has told the LPWA'ers that he is at break-point. Either LPWA folds, or it gets some 11th hour badly needed cash to continue. Guess Terry Power's husband couldn't bail them out with the money for the September taping- since it's been canned again. Jeez- we were all looking forward to Cornette's first bigtime tv booking to be aired- and the dag gum thing keeps getting postponed since Tor has no loot. Look for Tor to be over in Japan, asking for help from JWP before the end of September--- I hope he doesn't give Americans a black eye over there. I'm still pissed at him for not hiring or paying Noriyo Tatenos to come over in March- she specifically had her retirement match for AJW with the promise from Tor that he was bringing her over- then he abruptly left her high and dry when he changed his mind. Tor gets my personal thumbs down for the year. Steve Planamenta at Titan gets my thumbs up since for me, he ALWAYS returns phone calls promptly. Was Hart-Hennig damn good till Albutt Hays pulled the mike away from Stu Hart too fast??? Here in S.F., they quickly replaced Warrior with Sid against Undertaker on September 1st with no mention on tv, but a ring explanation in the body-bag thang.

As always, please pay the receptionist on your weigh-out, and don't forget to floss!

***** *CLASH OF CHAMPIONS REVIEW* *****

1) El Gigante won a battle royal in 9:31. When Zenk was introed I tried to figure out what belt he had on and then I remembered the unmemorable six man titles. Bobby Eaton took a nasty bump in getting eliminated. Would have liked to have seen a better camera angle on that. Highlight of the royal was Austin and Windham's encounter outside the ring which lasted two minutes. Show how great match was. Gigante double clotheslined Oz and Gang to win it. Nash had to work hard to jump out of the ring. * 2) Brian Pillman beat Badstreet in a semi-final bout for the lightheavyweight title. If this is the kind of match all lightheavy bouts will be, it will be great. Match was super. It looked like Armstrong hurt Brian's neck real bad on the suplex from the ring apron to the floor. Brian's dive over the ropes almost took his face off. He would have had to wear a mask to hide the scars. Oh, they did that angle already. Didn't Pillman look like the Yellow Dog? Pillman blocked a superplex attempt by Brad with a headbutt and then gave him a flying bodypress for the win in 6:51. *** 3) Sting pinned Johnny B. Badd in 6:11. First few minutes were okay but then they had screw up after screwup and Badd nor Sting knew how to cover them up. Looked sloppy as hell. Badd waited close to 2:00 for Sting to go after him and notice the box. After a Sting small package, Cactus Jack exploded from the box (needed a better camera angle here too) and attacked Sting. Hit him with an elbow from the 2nd rope clear across the announcers desk. * 4) for entire angle 4) Richard Morton advanced to the finals of the lightheavyweight tourney by eliminating Mike Graham in 7:39. How could Graham make it to the semis when he has never even been on TV. First time I heard Morton weighed 217 pounds. Oh, he must have lost weight for the tourney. Graham had Morton rolled up but Ricky pushed Mike into the buckles head first (looked bad) and rolled him for the win. * 5) Bill Kazmeier was then involved in the 2nd predictable angle of the night as he did a test of strength that ended with Arn Anderson & Larry Zbysko running in and driving weights into his ribs hoping to put him out of the tag finals match. I was hoping too but no such luck.....5) Freebirds beat The Patriots in 5:40. All I want to say about this match is the Patriots are horrible and the Birds are so overexposed it isn't funny. -*.....Cactus Jack

then was in the ring for an interview with Paul E. Dangerously. A box was roll on the runway and Cactus said he was going to give Abdullah a hug. Sting stormed out of the box (another predictable angle) and Jack took three of the toughest bumps I've seen. This guy may not last another year in the sport at the rate he's going. Sure he's entertaining but do we want to see this guy crippled? The wildest bump was the hip toss from the ramp to the concrete..... They then showed a segment where Ron Simmons football jersey was retired from Florida State. This was a great idea because it gave credibility to the claim that Ron played football. Do you realize how many announcers say a wrestler played pro ball that never did?.....6) Ron Simmons destroyed Diamond Studd in 2:23 with a football tackle. Ron looks smaller than he use to. During Paul E.'s interview with Ron, Harley Race & Mr. Hughes came out and Simmons left the in the ring to look for Luger. * 7) Van Hammer debuted and pinned Terry Taylor in 1:06. Where does Terry have to go to get his due. Is Dusty going to bury him again.. Hammer got over huge with the fans. No one has done a heavy metal gimmick before. Let's hope they don't do a combined concert with Hammer and P.U. News. You can see an angle with that guitar coming a mile away. Dud..... Missy then attempted to do another interview in the locker room this time with Lex Luger until Simmons interrupted. I am now forming a petition to ban Missy from TV. She's beautiful, so what. So are thousands of women in America. She grates on my nerves. Get her off the air.....8) Steve Austin defended the TV Title by beating Tom Zenk. It was the same finish that helped Randy Savage win the Inter-Continental title from Tito Santana. He has a set of brass knucks and when Zenk lifted him for an atomic drop, Austin lowered the boom and got the pin. *.....They then had the press conference which was predictable as Simmons attacked Lex after Luger said Ron could become his chauffeur after Havoc10) Arn Anderson & Larry Zbysko beat Rick Steiner & Bill Kazmaier in 3:34 to win the world tag belts. Bill had lifted Arn for a press when Larry hit Bill in the ribs enabling Arn to fall on top for the pin. * * * * A couple of notes: Even though I didn't give but one match higher than two stars, I enjoyed the show better than Summer Slam. Maybe I'm bias to WCW. But alot of angles worked. Maybe the match quality wasn't that great but it was still bearable. A slight thumbs down.

 CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Convention Center: (WCW) Myrtle Beach, SC August 8, 1991
 Correspondent: Leonard Sims

- 1) Big Josh pinned Badstreet. 2) Tom Zenk over Diamond Studd. 3) Freebirds defeated Young Pistols. 4) Steve Austin and Bobby Eaton went to a draw.
- 5) P.N. News over Black Bart. 6) Richard Morton turned back Robert Gibson.
- 7) Nikita Koloff and Sting went to a double disqualification.

Louisville Arena (RIOT Promotions) Louisville, MS August 23, 1991
 Correspondent: Billy Mooney

- 1) J.D. McKay (Yes the one and only) beat BT Express (Brian Tramel) in 5 seconds as Tramel's opponent Jack Diamond no showed. BT went for his chain but McKay sent him into the turnbuckle. 2) J.D. won his skedded match over Zebra Kid when Tramel and "Hot Body" Mike Murphy jumped in to interfere. 3) Sgt. O'Reilly pinned Mike Murphy. 4) Scott Armstrong over Sheik Akbar Jr. (Lou Fabiano) 5) The Storm (Murphy and Rick Welch) beat Sgt. O'Reilly and Buddy Marshall to win the Central tag belts. 6) Jimi Valentine & Ken Massey over Terry Bronson & Akbar Jr. 7) Bob & Scott Armstrong beat Ken Wayne & Doug Gilbert when Bob pinned Doug. Wayne was a sub for Eddie Gilbert who started that night for Global. ATT: 200

Pontotac Arena (RIOT Promotions) Pontotac, MS August 24, 1991
 Correspondent: Billy Mooney

- 1) Terry Bronson beat J.D. McKay Jr. 2) Ken Massey over Buddy Marshall. 3) Mi Murphy Zebra Kid. 4) Jimi Valentine over Akbar Jr. via over top rope DQ.
- 5) Sgt. O'Reilly & Buddy Marshall regained the Central tag belts from Rick Welch & Mike Murphy. 6) Eddie & Doug Gilbert beat Terry Bronson & Sheik Akbar when Doug pinned Bronson.. The Armstrongs no-showed due to a payoff mix up.
- 7) Eddie Gilbert won a battle royal. ATT: 104 Gate: \$520.00

Meadowlands Arena (WCW) E. Rutherford, NJ August 29, 1991
 Correspondent: Andy King

- 1) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Joey Maggs in 7:54. Fans rode Dustin bad about Dusty. 2) Richard Morton used a bandana to clothesline Robert Gibson and score the pin at 7:25. 3) Terrence Taylor pinned Big Josh while holding the ropes at 7:12. 4) Tom Zenk over Diamond Studd in a tuxedo match in 3:22. The object was to tear the tux off your opponent but Zenk scored the win with a pin.

5) Ron Simmons beat Tommy Rich in 3:27 following a spinebuster and a shoulder-block from the second rope. 6) Arn Anderson & Larry Zbyszko went to a double count out with the Freebirds in 8:45 which was the best bout of the night. 7) Steve Austin over Johnny B. Badd via DQ when Badd got caught with an object that Lady Blossom threw in. 8) El Gigante, Yellow Dog, Rick Steiner, & Bill Kazmeier beat One Man Gang, Oz, & The Hardliners in 14:19. Gigante pinned Slater. 9) Sting small packaged Cactus Jack in 7:00. Post match saw Race & Hughes attack Sting until Barry Windham saved until he got beat up and was saved by Simmons. 10) Lex Luger pinned Barry Windham in 9:52 with the same finish as everywhere. ATT: 2,700

Baltimore Arena (WCW)

Baltimore, MD

August 31, 1991

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Oz pinned Joey Maggs in 4:25. Dud 2) P.N. News splashed Thomas Rich off the top rope in 8:06. F 3) Brian Pillman schoolboyed Terrence Taylor in 8:04. C 4) Enforcers defeated the Freebirds in 2:58 as Larry pinned Garvin after Arn gave Jimmy Jam the spinebuster. D 5) Steve Austin beat Johnny B. Badd in 9:39 after ref caught Badd with the object again. B 6) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Richard Morton in 8:35. C 7) Rick Steiner & Bill Kazmeier beat Hardliners as Rick pinned Slater. D 8) Tom Zenk pinned Diamond Studd in 3:39. 9) Sting & El Gigante beat Cactus Jack & One Man Gang when Sting pinned Jack in 13:25. Jack was a sub for the departed Koloff. C 10) Lex Luger used the ropes to retain the world title beating Ron Simmons in 14:28. C ATT: 1,500

Auction Barn (Georgia All-Star)

Alpharetta, GA

September 1, 1991

Correspondents: Gary Lynch & Greg Yarman

1) Farmer Boy Ellis beat Steve Young. 2) Stev Pritchard over Johnny Dare (a Pillman look a like). 3) Festus defeated Jim Bryant. 4) Billy Black & Joel Deaton went to a double count out with Brute Force in a grrat brawl. Best match of the night. Brute Force are underated as a tag team and Black underated as a single. 5) Handsome Stranger (Fabian) beat Steve Lawler via DQ when Brute Force interfered. ATT: 50 Greg and Gary had a great time watching Scott Hudson and Steve DeTruth do their TV segment, "Point-Counterpoint".

LETTERS TO "AR"

SummerSlam

After seeing the post-SummerSlam angle involving Jake Roberts, is it safe to assume that the Ultimate Warrior does nat have a job? The same guy involved in two major angles in three weeks, now having three potential opponents? Sounds like something Dusty might do.

Speaking of Big Dust, I just saw Scott "Smokey and The Bandit" Hudson's report of the U.S. Title tourney which did not see Dustin do so hot. Did the security of Dusty's job have anything to do with this?

One closing thought. Is it just me, or does Gorilla Monsoon not seem too thrilled about Flair coming in. Every time Heenan brings up the subject, Gorilla gets upset. Or is that part of the angle? By the way, the way they've been treating Flair's belt (at last count, it's been spat on, and has hit the floor twice), I wouldn't be surprised to see Flair leave then with egg on their faces. Is that any way to treat the "REAL" World Champ?

Andy King

Middletown, NY

RL- As you know by now, Warrior doesn't have a job. He's been suspended for 90 days which if you ask me means he won't be coming back. When have you seen Gorilla not get upset when Heenan pushes a heel? I bet Flair cringes

every time they drop his belt on the floor.

Questions

I am looking for info on a wrestler from the 70's named Richard Blood. Can you tell me anything?

Linda Adams
Omaha, NE

RL- I can give you a great start. Richard Blood is the real name of Ricky Steamboat. That should give you tons of info right there.

Did Shawn Michaels injure the same knee as before? Is Shane Douglas going to become the new Rocker?

Bob Luedke
Passaic, NJ

RL- Yes it was the same knee that Michaels injured before. Shane Douglas filled in for Shawn until school started back up in Pennsylvania where Shane is a teacher. Jim Powers has been teaming with Marty Jannetty as of late.

WWF In Canada

I always enjoy reading Mike Terry's column, but I thought I would clear up something he mentioned in his most recent column. He was discussing why Jim Neidhart co-hosts "Wrestling Challenge", and said it was because they need to have Canadian talent. Well, the closest Jim comes to qualifying as a Canadian, is being married to Bret's sister Ellie, and she, like Bret is an American citizen. As for Jack Tunney, he is the main promoter in Canada, consequently holding a bit of clout with the WWF. Nonetheless, the implication Mike makes is right on the mark. The WWF has been informed that if it plans on airing its programming, some of it must be produced in Canada. That explains the July tapings in Calgary and Edmonton, and next weeks' tapings which will be in Canada as well.

Marianne Ryan
Chicago, IL

Harry Speaks

You would be waiting a couple of light years for an answer if you walked into Waldenbooks or B. Dalton Bookseller and asked for directions to the wrestling section. These chains carry a catalog for just about every sub-culture except our sport. While not carrying anything directly related to the subject, book chains are carrying books which are increasingly mentioning wrestling which means it must be on the minds of a lot of different literary people. In fact, in the last three novels I have read the authors pay a little lip service to wrestling. In Peeping Thomas a character totally non-essential to the plot describes the process of blading himself when he used to be a wrestler. Interesting, but it did not fit into the book so the author must have just had it on his mind. In Rules of Prey a large tough character was described as having been a bouncer and pro wrestler. In Sullivan's Sting which is about con games in Florida, the fact was mentioned that as long as people believe in things like pro wrestling than con games and ripoffs will succeed. I believe in pro wrestling but I would not fall for Florida con games like paying thirty dollars to get into Disney World. As I mentioned in Sushi last month, current non fiction books including wrestling are The Encyclopedia of Bad Taste and the Muhammed Ali Story about the Inoki match.

It is nice to see wrestling in other written material but if I really want to keep up with wrestling I have to get Arena Report. I suggest to the authors of the books above that if they want to keep mentioning wrestling also get Arena Report as a source.

Harry White
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